A.—(*a*) 1,073 and 40 respectively.

(*b*) Brahmans	8
Muhammadans	6
Vannikula-Kshatriyas	Nil.
Depressed classes	3

(*c*) One.

Mr. M. A. Manikkavelu Nayakar:—"May I ask why no member of the backward classes was selected?"

The hon. Mr. P. T. Rajan:—"The Public Services Commission must be asked about that."

Mr. Basheer Ahmed Sayeed:—"Why was the only candidate from the Vannikula-Kshatriya community who applied, not selected?"

The hon. Mr. P. T. Rajan:—"Probably he was not up to the mark."

Proposal to start an institute in Madras to prepare anti-rinderpest serum.

* 299 *Q.*—Mr. A. B. Shetty: Will the hon. the Minister for Public Works be pleased to state whether Government have decided to start their own institute in Madras for making anti-rinderpest serum and, if so, when the institute will begin to work and what amount will be sanctioned for it?

A.—Yes. It is expected that manufacture will commence in April next. The details of the scheme are under the consideration of Government.

Weights and Measures

Standardization of weights and measures.

* 300 *Q.*—Mr. M. D. T. Ranganatha Mudaliyar: Will the hon. the Minister for Public Works be pleased to state—

(*a*) what measures the Government have adopted for a uniform standardized system of weights and measures in this Presidency;

(*b*) whether Chambers of Commerce, the Departments of Industries and Agriculture and the public have been consulted regarding any specific scheme;

(*c*) whether the railways and large public corporations and organizations have agreed to give speedy trial and advertisement for the standardized units of weights and measures;

(*d*) whether the Government intend providing every village and fair, market or public business place with a set of standardized weights and measures for ease of comparison and verification in charge of a local official; and

(*e*) by what year do the Government intend enforcing the standardized system of weights and measures for the whole of the Presidency?